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## Film industry struggling to accept Sohan's demise

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**As Sohanor Rahman, Sohan, one of Bangladeshi film industry's most beloved names, was laid to rest yesterday beside his wife Priya Rahman. Sohan had passed away from a brain stroke at the capital's Crescent hospital, and his wife passed away just a day earlier. The shock was still not overcome by his colleagues, juniors and fans.**

A cloud of grief loomed over Dhaka's sky in remembrance of the man who gave one of the biggest blockbusters in Bangla cinema, *Keyamot Theke Keyamot*, kickstarting the careers of Moushumi and Salman Shah as lead actors.

Moushumi was overwhelmed with sorrow when contacted, her voice clearly shaky from crying. Unable to talk, she passed the phone to Omar Sani, who asked everyone to pray for his departed soul.

"He was the one who named me Shakib Khan. He gave me the name by which millions of people now know me, I will forever be indebted to him," wrote Shakib Khan on his social media. "We talked only a few days ago – he was supposed to go to Japan for further treatment. I cannot believe that he is not there anymore. May the Almighty give him and *bhabhi* peace."

Riaz told The Daily Star that he is lucky to have done a film with him. "He was an artisan when it came to producing stars," he said. "Look at whom he brought to the limelight – two megastars in Salman Shah and Moushumi. Trust me, this is an unforeseen achievement. May the Almighty bless him."

Kazi Hayat is one of the most prolific directors in Bangla cinema. He is also serving as the president of the Directors' Association. "I cannot believe that he is no more. As good



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as he was as a director, I believe that he was equally skilful as an organiser. He was there for everyone when they needed it. 90's heartthrob Shakil Khan's first film, *Ghor Amar Behesto*, was directed by Sohanor Rahman Sohan, and it was a super hit film. He acted in 5 films by the director. "He had to face a lot of challenges because he decided to give chances to new faces," he told The Daily Star. "No one had as much success with debutants as he did, and I am indebted to him for my

career. He will forever live through his works."

Sohanor Rahman Sohan started his career as an assistant director to Shibli Sadiq in 1977. His first directorial film, *Biswas Obiswas*, was released in 1988, but he truly broke new ground after making *Keyamot Theke Keyamot* in 1993, starring Salman Shah and Moushumi.

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